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SUBJECT: CUBA AMBASSADOR TO T& T PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

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1. CUBA' S UN PERMREP AND NON- RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO T& T ALARCON Y DE QUESADA PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO GOVERNOR GENERAL SIR ELLIS CLARKE ON MAY 15. AMBASSADOR ALARCON RECEIVED FULL DIPLOMATIC TOUR TREATMENT ON HIS WEEK- LONG VISIT, INCLUDING A CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS, A LUNCH WITH THE GOTT' S CARIBBEAN TASK FORCE, AND A GIVE- AND- TAKE DISCUSSION WITH STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF UWI. THE SUAVE CUBAN EMPHASIZED BASIC SIMILARITIES BETWEEN CUBA AND OTHER CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES AND THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF CUBA AND T& T IN EXCHANGING EXPERIENCES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. ALARCON ASSERTED THAT CUBA DOES NOT WANT AND WILL NOT RETURN TO AN OAS DOMINATED BY THE US, INSTEAD CALLED FOR A NEW LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN ORGANIZATION WITHOUT US PARTICIPATION.

2. THERE WAS NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON POSSIBILITY OF A CUBAN
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RESIDENT MISSION. ALSO MINEXTAFF OFFICIAL CLAIMED THAT SUBJECT DID NOT COME UP DURING AMBASSADOR' S CALL ON MINISTER CUTHBERT JOSEPH, ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL ADMITTED IT MAY HAVE COME UP IN CONVERSATIONS " HIGHER UP." PASSING REFERENCE BY ANOTHER OFFICIAL INDICATES JAMAICA MAY BE FIRST OF " BIG FOUR" TO HAVE EXCHANGE OF RESIDENT EMBASSIES WITH CUBA.

3. ALTHOUGH WE NOTE THAT FOUR INDEPENDENT STATES AT APRIL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING CALLED FOR JOINT TRADE MISSION TO CUBA IN MAY 1973 TO DISCUSS OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUTUAL TRADE, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PIN DOWN TIMING OF MISSION.
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